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SUBJECT: HONG KONG POLICY ON BOAT REFUGEES

REF: A. HONG KONG 4165 (NOTAL), B. STATE 68533

1. REF A DESCRIBES HONG KONG POLICY ON RESETTLEMENT OF
BOAT REFUGEES WITH RELATIVES IN HONG KONG WHICH CONTRADICTS
THAT PREVIOUSLY CITED IN REF B.

2. ACCORDING REF A, HONG KONG WILL NOT NECESSARILY ACCEPT
FOR RESETTLEMENT ANY BOAT REFUGEE WITH RELATIVES THERE.
UNHCR HAD INFORMED HONG KONG IMMIGRATION DEPT THAT IT HAD
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SMALL NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN AREA WHO WISHED RESETTLEMENT
IN HONG KONG BUT DID NOT HAVE CLOSE RELATIVE (SPOUSE,
PARENT, OR CHILD) NORMALLY REQUIRED FOR APPLICATION. HKID
TOLD UNHCR THAT IT WOULD CONSIDER THIS GROUP SYMPATHETICALLY
DESPITE MORE DISTANT FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS. WHILE HKID
MIGHT CONSIDER ANOTHER SMALL GROUP IF PRESENTED BY UNHCR,
THIS IS NOT OPEN-ENDED OFFER. HKID IS WELL AWARE THAT

HIGH PERCENTAGE OF BOAT CASE ESCAPEES ARE ETHNIC CHINESE,
MANY OF WHOM POTENTIALLY COULD HAVE DISTANT RELATIVES HERE.

3. ADDRESSEE POSTS SHOULD FOLLOW ABOVE GUIDANCE IN
COORDINATING WITH UNHCR REPS TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY BOAT

REFUGEES IN THEIR COUNTRIES MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR
RESETTLEMENT IN HONG KONG. CHRISTOPHER

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